

Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 10th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- If you were with us last Sunday, you were given homework for this Sunday, and it's due today, so we'll have the ushers pick it up to be graded.
- While I am of course, being facetious, I am also being serious, in that it was crucial that you were able to watch a 28 minute video from Iran.
- The video is a documentary that was produced by the Iranian government and is sanctioned by both Ayatollah Khamenei, and Ahmadinejad.

One news source calls it; "...a bone-chilling documentary ...about ...Islamic prophecy ...[and that Islamic] leaders ...will wage war to bring about the arrival of the Hidden Imam, which the film says is "very close" to happening.

- If you have not yet viewed this 28 minute version of the video, which is available online, you can simply Google; "The Coming is Upon Us."
- I found Joel Rosenberg's blog about this video interesting because he admonished pastors to now teach the truth about Christ's soon return.
- <http://atimetobetray.com/blog/iran-leaders-the-coming-is-upon-us—israel-shall-be-destroyed-watch-the-video/>

- What I would like to do now is look at a number of excerpts from the video, in concert with the screen shots with their captions below.
- In so doing, we'll compare Islamic prophecy about their Muslim Messiah or Mahdi, with Bible Prophecy about the coming Anti-Christ.

1. In Revelation 17, the Bible describes a global, one world religious Babylon, under which all faiths will be under the control of the Anti-Christ.
- Pictured here is a screen shot of the video with the caption below; "People of all faiths have been waiting centuries for the promised messiah."

2. In Matthew 24, Jesus describes one the signs of the end of the age and His return as earthquakes increasing in both frequency and intensity.
- This screen shot has a caption reading; "The messiah will not rise unless fear, great earthquakes, and sedition take place." -- Imam Bagher

3. In Luke 17, Jesus says the Son of man is revealed like it was in the days of Lot, who was taken out before Sodom was destroyed by fire.
- "Adultery will become common. Men will dress like woman. Men will content themselves to men and woman to woman." --Prophet Mohammad

4. In Matthew 24, Jesus also describes the signs of the end of the age as being marked by famines, pestilence, wars, and rumors of wars.
- "Some believe this all out aggression, (speaking of Mid-East wars), has a direct connection to the end of times and The Coming of the Mahdi."
- Then preceding that caption was this; "In 2009, the FAO of the United Nations, announced that hunger has spread to over one billion people."

5. Also in Matthew 24, Jesus says that another sign of the end of the age is the uprising of nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom.
- "The Hadith ...clearly described the ...transformation ...of various countries in the Middle-East and also that of Iran in the age of The Coming."

6. In Isaiah 19, the entirety of the chapter we have recorded a prophecy we studied in great detail as it relates to the recent uprising in Egypt.
- "The Hadith are clear about the events in Egypt prior to The Coming in which the people of this country rise up against their ruler creating a chaotic atmosphere."

7. In Revelation 6, (I include this because I've been asked this), there's a pale horse of Death and Hell to kill with the sword a fourth of the earth.
- While there is no caption with this screen shot, I was able to capture a quick appearance of what seems to be a pale looking horse and rider.
- It's interesting to note parenthetically that when the Egypt uprising was at its zenith, this video of a pale horse and rider went viral on YouTube.

8. Revelation 18 describes a new world order in an economic Babylon, under which a one world government is controlled by the Anti-Christ.
- Let me preface the following three captions by saying that the ancient city of Babylon, which is in modern day Iraq, and is being rebuilt now.
- "The events in Iraq, the war and bloodshed, have been described in detail..."
- "...that this land will be the center of conflicts in the age of The Coming."
- "...though after the reappearance, it will serve as the capital of world's governance of Imam Mahdi."

9. Again in Matthew 24, Jesus describes how there will be many false Christ's who will appear right before the end of the age and His return.
- This subtitle simply reads; "The Imposter ---- Islamic Antichrist." In other words, they even have a prophecy about a false Muslim Messiah.
- The subtitle on this screen shot expounds a little more on this Islamic Antichrist; "One of the important signs prior to The Coming is the rise of the imposter, Islamic Antichrist. The imposter has been described in the Hadith as a wicked being who will confront God's faith."

10. In Zechariah 12, we have a prophecy about Jerusalem will become an immovable stone and a cup of intoxication for the entire world.
- "The annihilation of the Zionist regime and the conquering of Beitol Moghadas (Jerusalem) is one of the most important events in the age of The Coming.

- Right about now you may be asking yourself why I'm making such a big deal about this Iranian documentary about The Coming of their Mahdi.
- I'm glad you asked! Here's a thought; If the Muslim's Mahdi is the Christian's Anti-Christ, then the rapture may be closer than any of us realize.
- Consider the subtitle on this screen shot; "According to the Hadith, Shoeib starts his move 72 months prior to The Coming."
- Then there's this one; "Can Doctor Ahmadinejad be the Shoeib-Ebne Saleh, that great commander of Islam at the time of The Coming?"

Let me close with a quote from an article that was published on Tuesday, March 29th, by The Assyrian International News Agency. Perhaps this will shed some light on the matter; "President Ahmadinejad is an End Times character named Shoeib-Ebne Saleh, the film states. He is appointed as the commander-in-chief by Seyed Khorasani (Ayatollah Khamenei). The speaker in the film says that this individual will "move" 72 months prior to the arrival of the Mahdi and will lead the recapturing of Jerusalem on "the threshold of the Coming." It is unclear if "move" means a physical action by Ahmadinejad or if it means his coming to power in 2005. If it is the latter, then the regime believes the Mahdi is to appear by the end of this year.